

NORTHEAST VALLEY COALITION AGAINST METHAMPHETAMINE Steering Committee Meeting Summary January 25, 2007

In attendance: Dawn Lomahaftewa for Donald Santeo, Gina Durbin, Stephanie Kreiling, Tom Ellis, Facilitators: Brent Stockwell, Karen Kurtz.

Absent: MaryEllen Tinsley, Phil Riccio, Kate Zanon, Leslie Reeves, Jarvis Qumyintewa, Diane McMillan (resigned)

1. Review of Coalition Mission and Vision

Committee members worked in small groups to create a 30-second elevator speech on what the Coalition is about. Each group gave their speech. The following common points were identified:

- The coalition is community-based with a variety of viewpoints.
- The coalition includes 5 municipalities and 2 tribal communities.
- The purpose is to raise awareness of the bigger picture impacts of meth on the community at large.
- Looking at what we can do as a community to make it easier for people to do the right thing or harder to do the wrong thing as it relates to meth.

Our Vision: We are inspired and working toward a meth-free community.

Our Mission: The Northeast Valley Coalition Against Methamphetamine will empower and engage the community to become meth-free through education, awareness and by providing access to resources.

The Committee concluded that the mission and vision created last spring is still relevant and appropriate for the coalition. The resources aspect of the mission did not get as much emphasis in the discussion as the education and awareness portion of the mission.

2. Discussion on Coalition Structure: Meetings, Membership, Subcommittees, etc.

The needs assessment subcommittee is almost finished with its work. The committee is meeting on January 26th to create the problem statements for the February 1st planning session. The Resource subcommittee has gathered the data it needs and made phone calls to verify the accuracy. Bill Brown was going to put the information in a database.

The coalition will meet on February 1st and 15th to create the strategic plan. The Steering committee will review a draft before the March full coalition meeting. In March, the full coalition will review the strategic plan and determine how to proceed with implementation. In April, the coalition should begin implementing the plan.

It is likely that there will be new subcommittees based on strategies adopted in the strategic plan. The full coalition meetings will also likely change once implementation begins. The full coalition should still meet monthly and have a report from each subcommittee and a resource education presentation. The meetings will likely be scheduled at a time that allows for more community participation. The late afternoon time has already been helpful in attracting the interest of teens. The full coalition meeting may become a strategy itself to educate the community about the effects of meth. Subcommittee meetings will have to be scheduled at a different time than the coalition meetings.

3. Discussion on Future Meeting Times, Dates, Topics

The February coalition meetings will be used to create the plan. Chuck Palm will facilitate the two hour sessions on the 1st and the 15th. The March meeting will be used to review the results and approve the plan. The April meeting will change based on the plan. The group discussed having a rotating meeting time or day of the week to allow for more participation.

Shelly Mowrey from Partnership for a Drug Free America will present at the February 1st meeting. We need a topic for the February 15th meeting. PBS did a special on the Meth Epidemic in America that might be worth showing at a coalition meeting. It is available for viewing on-line at pbs.org. Other possible topics include a presentation by emergency room doctors to talk about the impact on ER's including the trend of young adults having heart attacks. Also it would be helpful to hear from a treatment professional about what works in the treatment of meth addiction. Brent will create a survey to ask about the best times and days to hold coalition meetings and possible topics of interest. It might be helpful to ask what questions people have about meth that we haven't yet answered.

4. Selection of Steering Committee Leadership (Chair, Vice Chair, Recorder)

The group was not ready to choose leadership positions because the time commitment is not clear until the strategic plan is in place. There is interest in some positions. A discussion ensued about looking at different models for structuring the steering committee. The people who are most committed also tend to be the busiest. Some form of shared leadership may be more appropriate. Karen will review the CADCA material and material from the Conference and present alternative models to the committee.

The City has six staff to support the work of the Coalition, but the Coalition must remain community-based. The staff is only in support roles.

5. Discussion on Strategic Planning Process for Community Workshops on Feb. 1, 15 and Steering Committee Meeting in February.

Brent reviewed the schedule for the two planning sessions. The coalition will have the needs assessment data and the problem statements to work with. The coalition will create goals, objectives, strategies, and activities. Karen reviewed the preliminary needs assessment data with the committee. There are four areas: identity theft and fraud, burglary, age of first use of meth, and gaps in resources and information.

6. Coalition Financial Update

Brent reviewed the status of the State grant with the committee. The City is awaiting a contract extension to March 31, 2007 from the State. Expenditures are as follows:

Governor's Office Phase I - \$20,000 - \$10,690.35 spent to date, with \$9,309.65 remaining. To date we have spent: Conference Fees, \$475; Meeting Supplies \$823.50; Facilitation Fees \$2,446.25; Staff Time/Mileage Reimbursement \$6,945.60. SRPMIC - \$25,000 - No funds encumbered to date. Grant ends Sept. 30, 2007

7. Discussion of Governor's Strategic Action Planning Summit held Jan. 10-11.

Ten coalition members attended the summit. The results of the session and the survey on possible strategies are not yet available.

8. Next Meeting

The next Steering Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 22nd from 9-10:30 at the Scottsdale City Hall, 3939 Drinkwater Blvd. The County Attorney will be giving a presentation on identity theft from 8-9:00 a.m. just prior to the meeting in the same location. Steering committee members are encouraged to attend this session also.